

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 97

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Raul Regalado, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, upon being honored at the 2005 Star Spangled Salute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their professional fields and who give freely of their time and resources for the betterment of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Raul Regalado is one such estimable person who, along with serving as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNA), also has been actively involved with and generously supported the Donelson Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2005, Mr. Raul Regalado will be honored at the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce's Star Spangled Salute, which is an annual event that raises money to benefit the programs and services of the Donelson Station Senior Citizens Center. The theme this year will appropriately be "Easy Glider: Adventures in Aviation"; and

WHEREAS, a native of Los Angeles, California, Mr. Regalado is an accomplished aviator, who is certified and licensed to fly planes, helicopters, and gliders; and

WHEREAS, during his brief tenure with MNA, Mr. Regalado has accomplished many significant achievements, including the rejuvenating and refocusing of MNA's direction through the development of a Long Term Strategic Business Plan that includes a Mission Statement and Core Values with a vision to take MNA in a better direction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Regalado is recognized for his diligence in strategically leading MNA through the devastation caused by September 11, 2001, by means of crucial contingency

planning and the implementation of numerous cost saving measures, ultimately leading to 2003 and 2004 being MNAA's most successful financial years in its thirty-four year history; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the arrival of China Airlines International Air Cargo Service, now serving six flights per week at the Nashville International Airport, as well as the Air Cargo Link I Expansion and the development of Air Cargo Link 2 and Westside Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raul Regalado has contributed his talents to such noteworthy tasks as assisting in the development of a Small, Minority, and Women Owned Business program to compliment the MNAA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, enabling more minority firms to engage in business with the airport; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the Donelson-Hermitage community's and Donelson Station Senior Center's pivotal partnerships with MNAA, Mr. Regalado has been a diligent supporter of both entities and has significantly increased MNAA's support of the community and the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, this commendable leader has overseen the revival of MNAA's Arts at the Airport, an ever growing and evolving showcase of cultural diversity and creative talent homespun in the Volunteer State, as well as the inception of three live Musical Stages throughout the terminal, including the "Welcome to Music City Stage"; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Regalado's expert guidance and headship, the Nashville International Airport (BNA) was named by *USA Today* as "One of the 10 Best Places to Hang Out During a Layover" in November 2004. BNA also "took off" with three prestigious *Airport Revenue* magazine honors in February 2005, including Airport with the Best Concessions Management Team, Airport with the Best Customer Service, and Airport with the Most Unique Services; and

WHEREAS, because of his visionary efforts, he formed the Aviation Task Force, which works in conjunction with the Convention & Visitors' Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, City and State Economic Development, and Partnership 2010 to entice the best air service companies and corporate headquarters to Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these many involvements, this outstanding professional has found time to complete the Master Plan Update for BNA and JWN; and

WHEREAS, along with these tremendous responsibilities, Mr. Regalado has served with merit as the Board Chairman of the American Red Cross, Nashville Chapter, CVB Board of Governors, Nashville Chamber of Commerce, Partnership 2010, and Nashville's Agenda; and

WHEREAS, during the past two years, he has also raised significant "Green" on the Green for the McGavock School Cluster via MNAA's Annual Aviation Golf Classic to aid and support arts and music programs in the five cluster Metro schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Regalado is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Helen, two daughters, one son-in-law, and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Raul Regalado for his dedication to the betterment of the greater Nashville community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Mr. Raul Regalado on being honored at the 2005 Star Spangled Salute, recognize his unwavering commitment to the Donelson Station Senior Center, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.